

a format converting circuit for converting the read data of address information into address information with a format used on the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission.

20. (Twice Amended) A recording medium for recording a program for operating a facsimile machine using a computer installed with an application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission, the program realizing the functions of:

analyzing means for analyzing a data structure of data of address information registered on the basis of an electronic application program which is already in operation;

reading means for reading the data of address information analyzed by the analyzing means; and

format converting means for converting the read data of address information into address information with a format used on the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 14-17, 19 and 20 are amended. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1) (ii)).

Applicants thank Examiners Pokrzywa and Wallerson for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives, during the March 12 personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated into the Remarks below.

#### I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 8 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,009,153 to Houghton et al. (hereinafter "Houghton"); claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,157,706 to Rachelson (hereinafter "Rachelson"); claims 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Houghton in view of U.S.

Patent No. 6,157,463 to Kitagawa (hereinafter "Kitagawa"); claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Houghton in view of Kitagawa and further in view of Rachelson; and claims 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Houghton in view of Rachelson. It was agreed during the personal interview that the rejections of claims 1 and 18 and their dependent claims are overcome by the February 28 Amendment. Withdrawal of the remaining rejections is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 14-17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,005,677 to Suzuki (hereinafter "Suzuki"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Suzuki does not disclose an internet facsimile machine capable of executing facsimile transmission via an internet to an addressee using a computer installed with an application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission, comprising analyzing means for analyzing a data structure of data of address information registered on the basis of an electronic application program which is already in operation, reading means for reading the data of address information analyzed by the analyzing means, and format converting means for converting the read data of address information into address information with a format used on the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission, as recited in claims 14 and 19, and as similarly recited as a recording medium in claim 20.

In amended claim 15, the internet facsimile machine further comprises address information storage means for storing the data of address information converted by the format converting means as an addressee address for the facsimile transmission via the internet and address selecting means for selecting a desired address from the address information storage means.

In each of amended claims 16 and 17, the electronic mail application program is in operation on the computer installed with the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission or a computer other than said computer installed with the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission.

By the amendment, claim 14 recites, and claims 19 and 20 similarly recite, analyzing means for analyzing a data structure of data of address information registered on the basis of an electronic application program which is already in operation. The analyzing means is supported by the description on page 25, line 22 to page 26, line 26. Claim 14 recites, and claims 19 and 20 similarly recite, further recite format converting means for converting the read data of address information into address information with a format used on the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission. The format converting means is supported by the description on page 24, line 17 to page 25, line 1. Thus, no new matter is added.

In claims 14, 19 and 20, even when data of address information has already been registered as an electronic mail address for the use of an electronic mail application, the data of address information needs to be registered again for the use of an application for execution of internet facsimile transmission. For this purpose, a data structure of data of address information is analyzed and then, the data of address information is read. The data of address information read is converted into address information with a format to be used on the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission. Thus, claims 14, 19 and 20, are directed to effective use of data of address information on an application for execution of internet facsimile transmission, said data of address information has previously been registered for use on an electronic mail application. Suzuki does not disclose these features recited in claims 14, 19 and 20.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention is distinguishable over the applied art. Withdrawal of the remaining rejections is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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## APPENDIX

## Changes to Claims:

Claims 14-17, 19 and 20 are amended.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

14. (Twice Amended) An internet facsimile machine capable of executing facsimile transmission via an internet to an addressee using a computer installed with an application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission, comprising:  
analyzing means for analyzing a data structure of data of address information registered on the basis of an electronic application program which is already in operation;  
reading means for reading the data of address information ~~registered on the basis of an electronic mail application program which is already in operation~~ analyzed by the analyzing means; and  
format converting means for converting the read data of address information into address information with a format used on the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission ~~designating means for designating the data of address information read by the reading means as data of address information for the facsimile transmission via the internet.~~

15. (Amended) An internet facsimile machine according to claim 14, further comprising address information storage means for storing the data of address information ~~designated by the designating means~~ converted by the format converting means as an addressee address for the facsimile transmission via the internet and address selecting means for selecting a desired address from the address information storage means.

16. (Twice Amended) An internet facsimile machine according to claim 14, wherein the electronic mail application program is in operation on a the computer installed with the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission ~~of a system~~

~~connected to the internet facsimile machine~~ or a computer other than ~~the said~~ computer installed with the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission ~~of the system.~~

17. (Twice Amended) An internet facsimile machine according to claim 15, wherein the electronic mail application program is in operation on a ~~the~~ computer installed with the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission of a system ~~connected to the internet facsimile machine~~ or a computer other than ~~the said~~ computer installed with the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission of the system.

19. (Amended) An internet facsimile machine capable of executing facsimile transmission via an internet to an addressee using a computer installed with an application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission, comprising:

an analyzing circuit for analyzing a data structure of data of address information registered on the basis of an electronic application program which is already in operation;

a reading circuit for reading the data of address information analyzed by the analyzing circuit ~~registered on the basis of an electronic mail application program which is already in operation;~~ and

~~a designating circuit for designating the data of address information read by the reading circuit as data of address information for the facsimile transmission via the internet~~ a format converting circuit for converting the read data of address information into address information with a format used on the application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission.

20. (Twice Amended) A recording medium for recording a program for operating a facsimile machine using a computer installed with an application program for execution of internet facsimile transmission, the program realizing the functions of:

analyzing means for analyzing a data structure of data of address information registered on the basis of an electronic application program which is already in operation;

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~~analyzing means registered on the basis of an electronic mail application program which is~~  
~~already in operation;~~ and

~~designating means for designating the data of address information read by the~~  
~~reading means as data of address information for facsimile transmission via an internet~~format  
converting means for converting the read data of address information into address  
information with a format used on the application program for execution of internet facsimile  
transmission.